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Water Service Improvements Along Harbor Drive Begin Construction

SAN DIEGO – Beginning on May 26, the City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects Department (E&CP) will begin Group Job 3008 along Harbor Drive in downtown San Diego. The City is working to improve the water infrastructure for residents, businesses and visitors alike. One way to accomplish this goal is through “Group Jobs,” which are projects that upgrade and replace water service in order to minimize future disruption to businesses and residents.

There are two sections for this project. Section one (Group 532), runs along North Harbor Drive from West Laurel Street south until it intersects Pacific Highway. On Pacific Highway, it runs from F Street into Seaport Village north to F Street. Section two (Group 533) is located on North Harbor Drive, south of the San Diego Airport from Airport Terminal 2 exit west to Lee Court. See attached map.

The total project will replace approximately 17,979 feet of 16” cast iron water mains within the Harbor Drive area with new durable plastic pipes. The existing cast iron mains were originally installed as early as 1950. At nearly 60-years old they are nearing the end of their service life.

Two construction crews will work in each section to minimize impacts to the residents, businesses and visitors who travel in and out of this area. All work south of Ash Street will be completed by the end of September 2009. “We thank everyone who uses Harbor Drive in advance for their patience and support while we complete this important water infrastructure project,” said Chris Gascon, Project Manager.

The purpose of the project is to improve service reliability, minimize future water main breaks caused by aging pipes and increase the size of existing pipes to better serve the area. “This project will reduce the maintenance needs and minimize water service disruptions to City customers,” says Gascon. The estimated project construction cost is \$5,777,000 and is included as part of the Public Utilities Department’s ongoing capital improvement projects.

The City’s E&CP provides a full range of engineering services for the City's capital investment in various types of infrastructure and provides traffic-engineering services to the community.

Additional information about other important infrastructure projects can also be found online at <http://www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip>. Or contact the Engineering and Capital Projects Department information line at (619) 533-4207 for additional details.

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